



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4333

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Robert J. Fenton, Jr.
Senior Official
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Washington, DC 20024

RE: Request for Information on Federally Operated Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Units in Texas

Dear Mr. Fenton,

I write to you with urgency as a representative of both Dallas and Tarrant County on recent developments to federally operated mobile COVID-19 vaccination units. I have been informed of the recent decision to deploy and supply federally funded mobile vaccination units to Connecticut¹ and Maryland². While I applaud FEMA's rollout of the first mobile vaccination in those locations, I strongly encourage you to consider expanding the deployment of mobile vaccination units to Texas so that we can be fully effective in our collective efforts to quickly vaccinate our most vulnerable and underserved communities.

If the state of Texas wants to continue its reduction of COVID-19 cases in these upcoming weeks, it should be utilizing every vaccination effort FEMA can provide to those who lack adequate transportation to commute to and from a vaccination site outside of their community or place of work. Additionally, mobile units could help deter vaccine hesitation and make vaccination more convenient and attractive to Texans who are reluctant to be vaccinated. With variants spreading and cases rising, mobile vaccination sites located directly in workplaces such as grocery stores, food and manufacturing plants will be critical to containing the pandemic.

¹ Connecticut First State to Open COVID -19 Vaccine Mobile Unit | FEMA.gov. (2021, March 26). FEMA.GOV. www.fema.gov/press-release/20210326/connecticut-first-state-open-covid-19-vaccine-mobile-unit

² First Mobile Vaccination Units in U.S. to Open in Maryland | FEMA.gov. (2021, March 29). FEMA.Gov. www.fema.gov/press-release/20210329/first-mobile-vaccination-units-us-open-maryland

Therefore, I write to you with the following questions, so that I may address this situation in the most transparent and equitable manner.

- Is there a plan to deploy federally operated mobile COVID-19 vaccination units in Texas?
- If there is a plan to deploy mobile units, what is the timeline for this deployment?
- What counties and zip codes in Texas will have vaccine mobile units first?
- How will county residents' needs and geographic situation be used to develop a plan that would benefit the greatest number of people?
- What additional steps are being taken to ensure that those who are incapable of traveling or commuting to a vaccination site have access to the vaccine?

Both Dallas and Tarrant County are locations where federally supported mobile vaccine sites would benefit people who are socially vulnerable. There is a need to continue vaccinating as many people in our North Texas area as quickly as possible. Ushering in the deployment of mobile COVID-19 vaccination could tremendously help our communities during this public health crisis.

I appreciate your attention to these important matters and look forward to your timely response.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Kevin Figueroa with Congressman Marc Veasey (Kevin.Figueroa@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Veasey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marc Veasey
Member of Congress